

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6336

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF MONKEY FOR RESEARCH

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Non-availability of monkeys after spending 49 lakh` for Research appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated March 23, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the place where this research center is functioning;
- (d) the amount spent so far for its development; and
- (e) the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(e): The Government is aware of the news-item which appeared in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated March 23, 2002. According to ICMR the Institute for Research in Reproduction, Mumbai proposes to set up a Primate Breeding Research Centre in Sasunvagar Vasai Taluka. An expenditure of Rs.49 lakhs has already been incurred by ICMR for providing infrastructure etc. The project could not be completed for want of basic infrastructure and substantial expenditure involved. Necessary requirement of funds for this project has now been reflected in the 10th Five year Plan of the Council and the Council has accorded administrative approval for undertaking the project.